

DRAFT - Minutes
Town of Vermont Annual Meeting
April 18, 2017

Town chairman Karen Carlock called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Karen Carlock took her oath of office for Town chairman. Todd Culliton took his oath of office for Board Supervisor – Seat 3. Scott Moe took his oath of office for Board Supervisor – Seat 1. Chris Christian took her oath of office for Town Clerk. Jenna Schmidt took her oath of office for Town Treasurer.

The clerk certified that the notice had been posted on the front door of Town Hall, on the Town of Vermont website and published in the Mt. Horeb Mail and News Sickle Arrow.

Approval of the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

David Stanfield moved and Tamlyn Akins seconded that the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting be approved. The minutes were approved.

Nikki Jones – Dane County Supervisor

Nikki Jones began by recognizing the Town of Vermont residents for how active they are in our community. Nikki provided an update on DaneCom which appears to be working very well with the exception of areas around Blue Mounds. In 2016, 7 parks were added to this part of Dane County. There are 2.3 million visitors to Dane County parks annually. Northwest Dane Senior Services is continuing their good work with seniors in our community. There are Dane County jail improvements being considered as well as improvements to the Alliant Energy Center. As a member of the Environmental and Agriculture committee, Nikki invited ATC to participate in a public hearing at Wisconsin Heights High School on April 25th. ATC declined the meeting.

A resident asked about the status of improving County Road JJ and JG in the Town of Vermont. Nikki will follow up regarding improvement plans for those two roads.

Year in Review Presentation

David Stanfield shared that Earl Brandt is working on putting together a history of Town of Vermont prior to settler occupation. David, Dan Brunner and John Donaldson are reviewing title abstracts in an effort to trace back the granting of original private land rights.

Question raised by Warren Gaskill regarding land use petitions and whether or not the number has increased. Supervisor Doug Meier reported that prior to 2008, petitions were at around 4-5 per year and then decreased to 3-4 per year and starting in 2016, number are back up to 4-5 per year and seem to be on track for that in 2017 as well.

Annual Financial Report

Karen Carlock, as the clerk for 2016, presented the 2016 Financial Report. 2016 Revenues included carryover from 2015 to 2016 as well as taxes, general transportation aid, licenses and permits,

assessment searches and miscellaneous revenue for a total of \$2,286,150. Nearly 75% of revenue went to mandated expenditures. Town Budget expenditures included \$80,577 for general government, \$73,663 for public safety and \$392,696 for public works. Additionally, \$4,500 went to health and human services, \$2,509 went to Culture/Recreation/Education and \$11,127 went to Conservation and Development for a total of \$565,072. \$88,929 was carried over from 2016 to 2017. Michael McDermott moved and Tamlyn Atkins seconded approval of the 2016 Financial Report. Motion approved.

Road Maintenance Report

Crack filling is taking place on April 20th. State Road 78 project began on April 17th as is scheduled to go until June. Chris Christian will post project information on the Town of Vermont website. Scott Construction was selected for chip sealing this year and that work will take place in mid-late summer.

Report from Citizen Broadband Committee

John Hallick provided a summary of broadband efforts that was reviewed by those in attendance. Residents asked several questions and the answers to these questions will be followed up on and shared with the group via the website or Vermont's Voice:

- *Is there a way to do an audit of TDS' uses of grant funds?*
- *If the Vermont project moves forward, will TDS serve some of the homes that they recently told would no longer be served?*
- *If the project moves forward, will costs for services increase?*
- *Is there a project timeline?*

Report from Vermont Citizen ATC Committee

Michael McDermott presented an update on the work of the Vermont Citizen ATC Committee. The board passed a resolution requesting that the PSC evaluate non-transmission alternatives. The citizen committee has been gathering letters of support from citizens for the board resolution and also just sent out a survey to gather feedback and concerns from residents. David raised the concern of the property tax implications of the transmission line. Tamlyn encouraged people to continue to get the word out regarding the transmission line and its impacts.

Discussion of Other Business to come before the Meeting

Sharon Gaskill raised a concern regarding the full agendas not being posted in the newspaper any longer. She would like the board to reconsider. Sharon also shared that she thinks that there should be a fund for cleaning Town Hall on a semi-regular basis.

Set Date for 2017 Annual Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday in April, which in 2018 will be April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Warren Gaskill moved and Charlene Taymor seconded to approve the date and time for the 2018 Annual meeting. Motion approved.

Adjournment

Sharon Gaskill moved and David Stanfield seconded that the meeting adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.